GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services- Forest Department –Misappropriation of Government funds in execution of works in the Range of Giddaluru, Gundlakamma and kanigiri – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri P.Sreemanarayana, DRO (Retd.) – Findings received – Imposing a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of three (3) years, besides withholding of retirement benefits of Rs.69,913/- - Show-cause-Notice issued – Explanation received – Final Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 50 Dated: 28-08-2017
Read the following:

1) From Prl. CCF., Ref.No.51086/2002/P, dt.2-11-2003.
2) G.O.Rt.No.557, EFS&T(For.IV) Dept., dt:12-12-2011.
3) From the G.A.(COI-LP) Dept., D.O.Lr. No.16/COI.LP/ 2012-1, dt:29-8-2012.
4) Govt.Memo.No.722/For.IV/A1/2003-17, dt:28-9-2012.
5) From the Prl.CCF, Ref.No.51086/2002/K3, dt:9-1-2013.
6) Govt.Memo.No.722/For.IV/A1/2003-21, Dt.12-4-2013.
7) From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.51086/2002/K3, dt:24-5-2013.
8) Govt.Memo.No.722/For.IV/A1/2003-22, dt:29-7-2013.
9) From the Prl.CCF Ref.No.51086/2002/K3, dt:7-8-2013.
10) Govt. Memo.No. 722/For.IV/A1/2003, dt. 14.12.2016.
11) From the PCCF Lr. Ref. No. 51086/2002/A&DC-2, dt. 08.03.2017.
12) Govt. Lr. No. 722/For.III/A1/2003, dt. 12.04.2017 & 26.5.2017.
13) From the Prl. Secretary, APPSC, Lr. No. 349/DC&C/2/2017, dt.17.06.2017.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Prl. Chief conservator of Forests has informed that, large scale of misappropriation of Government funds to a tune of Rs.69,913/- in execution of works under RIDF in Giddalur Range, Guntur Circle was reported and disciplinary action was initiated against Sri P.Sreemannnarayana, DRO (Retd.), formerly Giddalur Range along with other Forest subordinates and an Article of Charge was issued vide Ref.No.51086/2003/P3, dt:23-7-2003 against him on the following count:-

> Article of Charge -1:- Negligence of duty and misappropriation of Government funds to an amount of Rs.69,913/- by booking expenditure for more quality to work than the actual quantity turned out.

2. In addition to the disciplinary proceedings, Criminal Cases were also booked against Sri P.Sreemannarayana, DRO (Retd.) and other forest subordinates.

3. The charged officer has submitted his explanation. Not satisfying with the explanation and as per the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, orders were issued entrusting the case to the Commissioner of Inquiries to inquire into the charges framed against all the charged officers vide G.O. 2nd read above.

4. In the reference 3rd read above, the Inquiring Authority has furnished his findings in which, it was concluded that the charges framed against Sri P. Sreemannarayana, DRO (Retd) are held proved. The Criminal Case filed against Sri P. Sreemannarayana, DRO(Retd) was disposed and he was acquitted by the Hon'ble VI Addl.District & Sessions Judge, Markapur vide judgment dt. 12.01.2016. The findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries were communicated to Sri P. Sreemannarayana, DRO(Retd) and obtained further defence statement.

5. Sri P. Sreemannarayana, DRO(Retd) formerly Giddalur Range retired from the Govt. service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued as per Rule 9 of A.P.Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. After careful examination of the findings of the Commissioner of Inquiries, along with connected records and remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Government have observed that the charges framed against the charged officer are held proved to the extent of neglect of duty and not following the EAS accounting procedure and provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of three(3) years, besides withholding of retirement benefits of Rs.69,913/- on the Charged Officer, Sri P. Sreemannarayana, DRO(Retd) formerly Giddalur Range under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

7. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired officer vide reference 10th read above. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests vide reference 11th read above has informed that, the Charged Officer submitted his further defence statement to the Show Cause Notice on 14.02.2017 in which there are no fresh and valid reasonable points.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose a penalty of 2% cut in pension for a period of three(3) years, besides withholding of retirement benefits of Rs.69,913/- against Sri P. Sreemannarayana, DRO(Retd) formerly Giddalur Range under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur
The Individual (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).

Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P.
The Principal Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Hyderabad
(with ref. to Lr.No.349/DC&C/2/2017, dt.17.06.2017).

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//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER